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Infantry Battalion in As

- 25X1 1. Inf Bn [ ] was located in As (M 51/P 18) prior to 10 September 1950. It had been stationed in Sokolov (N 51/P 58) prior to the fall of 1949. The battalion was probably subordinate to a headquarters in Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69). \*
2. The battalion headquarters, the headquarters company, a technical company, two infantry companies and the ammunition depot were located in As, the latter in a former textile factory. Staff Captain Okrouhlik, (fnu), was the commanding officer of the battalion and Staff Captain Lexa, (fnu), was the deputy commander. The headquarters company was commanded by Staff Captain Cumpl, (fnu).
3. The sub-machine gun company and the heavy machine gun company of the battalion were stationed in Novy Zdar (M 51/P 18). The heavy weapons company was in Hazlov (M 51/P 28). It was equipped with guns and 120-mm mortars.

Reconnaissance Unit in Hruskova

4. The reconnaissance unit in Hruskova (N 51/P 58) numbered about 120 soldiers who had been detached from various military posts. The commanding officer in late 1949 was Captain Polozonec, (fnu). The unit was deactivated on 1 September, but allegedly was to be reactivated and enlarged after the arrival of new recruits. The unit was equipped with Czech model 48-A sub-machine guns. Each squad had a Czech model 26 light machine gun. \*\*

NCO School for Reconnaissance Units in Sumperk

5. Prior to 1 May 1950 the school for reconnaissance units in Sumperk (P 50/N 69) was the only one of its kind in Czechoslovakia. It numbered about 600 soldiers, who were organized into three companies, and was located, together with a motorized infantry unit, in a barracks installation on the northern edge of the town. \*\*\*
6. The officers of the school included Staff Captain Danek, (fnu), commandant; Staff Captain Sklenar, (fnu), deputy commandant; Captain Kymak, (fnu), commanding

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officer of the 1st Co; and Staff Captain Prochazka, (fnu), commanding officer of the 3rd Co.

7. The training included combat training, tactics, signal communication and engineer training, instruction with arms and chemical warfare agents, and close combat training with jujitsu, knife fighting, etc. The combat training included the destruction of observation posts, anti-partisan warfare, night fighting and the taking of prisoners. Upon completion of the course about 20 percent of the trainees were made non-commissioned officers.

#### Miscellaneous

8. SNB details of 30 men each were located in Kynsperk (N 51/P 48) and in Podlesi (Steinpoehl) (M 51/P 19).
9. Since the appointment of Dr. Alexej Cepicka as Minister of National Defense, the food in the Czechoslovakian Army has been improved considerably in both quality and quantity.

- 25X1 25X1 \* [ ] Comment. [ ] substantiates a previous assumption that the entire 46th Inf Bn. [ ] was transferred from Sokolov to As. [ ]
- 25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. The unit has been mentioned frequently as a training unit for reconnaissance troops of the 13th Inf Brig. [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 \*\*\* [ ] Comment. The school in Sumperk was previously reported. [ ] 25X1
- The motorized infantry unit in Sumperk is believed to be the 13th Mtz Inf Bn of the Tank Corps.

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